

ALDOT UPDATE FOR SEPTEMBER 2, 2005, 3:30 P.M.

MOBILE – The Alabama Department of Transportation today announced that the remaining section of the U.S. 90 Causeway eastbound between Bankhead Tunnel and the Mid-Bay Crossing at Exit 30 on I-10 will open around 5 p.m. today.

The only remaining outage along the Causeway is the ramp bridge from the U.S. 90 Causeway eastbound onto I-10 eastbound, which will remain closed for an extended period because five concrete spans must be replaced. These 50-foot spans were destroyed by storm surge.

Transportation officials expect to restore the Dauphin Island Parkway to two-way traffic this afternoon. Local travel restrictions may still be in effect.

After 5 p.m. Friday, September 2nd, ALDOT's information line will shift to recorded messages for travel and road information. The Mississippi Department of Public Safety is reporting major roadways from Alabama into South Mississippi closed to all traffic except emergency and relief vehicles. ALDOT advises anyone traveling west from Alabama to carefully plan your trip and call ahead to confirm accessibility, the status of roads, and other pertinent information. For Mississippi road conditions, call (601) 359-7017.